

GENERAL LOCAL NEWS.

They Got a Ducking.

Last Friday night a crowd of young folks from this city made up a skating party and went to Adkisson's pond northeast of town to while away a few hours at the merry sport. They not only had a good time, but it was interspersed with more or less hair-breadth experience before the curtain fell on the final scene. The ice was treacherous, but that did not deter the youngsters from cutting capers which introduced special features not on the program. When they all donned their skates and entered the giddy whirl, and their attention was diverted from the weak spots in the ice, the real fun opened up.

One side of the frozen pond wavered as the skaters bunched in rounding the circle, and before the heavy weight reached the center the ice went down with a crash. Beneath it was about four feet of water. Most of the skaters passed the premature bath tub, but Misses Beula Hubbard and Nina Mason, Frank Polston and Lucius Ross dropped into the chilly water so smoothly that they didn't take time to close their mouths, and there was splashing and clattering of teeth, mingled with screaming and scrambling.

Seeing the danger which the two unfortunate young ladies were encountering, Avery Price played the hero by jumping in—overcoat, skates, and all. Cleve Spurlock followed, and the two succeeded, by battling with broken ice, in placing the girls on dry land, chilled and drenched through and through—but happy. Polston and Ross paddled their own canoes.

For a few moments the scene was strenuous, at least the young ladies thought so as the frigid breezes fanned their soaked garments. Rev. Adkisson's residence being handy the victims were taken in and given warm quarters while a detail of the boys hurried to town, secured a rig and promptly conveyed the unlucky bathers to their respective homes. Aside from a good round "ducking," no evil results followed.

In hurrying to town via horseback to secure the conveyance, Wallace Clifton enacted a little specialty by diving off the horse head first and feet following. He struck the hard ground with a dull thud. He saw stars and planets, and felt sorry there was no pond beneath to break the fall. However, he gathered himself together and lent a hand in securing the rig with which to convey his more unfortunate friends to town.

Mrs. Annie L. Dusenbury Dead.

Word was received by relatives in this city conveying the sad intelligence of the death of Mrs. Annie L. Dusenbury, which occurred at Mena, Ark., on Wednesday, December 10th. Deceased was a daughter of the late James L. Townley, a niece of T. R. Townley and Mrs. S. E. Hunter of Versailles and sister of Mrs. Gene T. Culbertson of Kansas City. She was forty-five years of age and had been a resident of this city until the family moved to Arkansas seven years ago, where her husband, Robert L. Dusenbury, engaged in the newspaper business. She was the mother of three children, Gene, Frank and Joe, who with her husband, survive her. She was a member of the Methodist church, and had lived up to her Christian faith all her life. The many friends of the deceased will be sorry to learn of her death, and sympathy is extended to the husband, children and relatives in this hour of their deep sorrow.

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To Become a Benedict.

The Ashland, Oregon, Tidings of December 3 contains the details of a luncheon given on Tuesday afternoon, December 1, by Miss Lulu Briggs at the home of her parents, Hon. and Mrs. E. D. Briggs, in Ashland, at which a number of the society people of that city were present.

The feature of the event in which the people of this city will be interested was the announcement of the forthcoming marriage of the hostess, Miss Briggs, to Mr. James Jamison McNair, a former Versailles boy whose boyhood days were closely allied with those of the junior editor of the DEMOCRAT. The marriage will take place on New Years eve. The Tidings, in its account of the luncheon, says:

"The luncheon given by Miss Lulu Briggs at the beautiful home of her parents, Hon. and Mrs. E. D. Briggs, on Rush street, yesterday afternoon, was an event of more than ordinary interest, not only to the guests but to her friends generally throughout the city. It was really an announcement of her forthcoming marriage to Mr. James Jamison McNair.

"The hour of the luncheon was 4:30 o'clock, and there were about sixty guests in attendance. While the announcement was not made in direct terms, everything in the way of decorations and refreshments were daintily suggestive of the soon-to-be happy event. The decorations were notably recondite. Numerous hearts in red were pendant on delicate festoons looped from the sides to the center of the handsome rooms. The largest of these hearts was pierced by Cupid's silver arrow."

The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McNair of this city and well known to the people of this community, having spent the greater portion of his life in this city prior to his departure for the west two years ago, since which time he has become a graduate in pharmacy and is now associated with his brother, J. Syd McNair, in the drug business.

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An effort will be made to organize a Bible Club in Versailles; we trust many old and young, will avail themselves of this opportunity, the announcement of which will appear in our next issue. In the mean time information can be had of W. P. Buell, room 19, City Hotel, Versailles, Mo., where the books of the course can be seen.

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Chief Engineer J. L. Campbell and Division Engineer R. F. Williams of the St. Louis-Kansas City Extension, arrived in this city Wednesday evening from St. Louis and Thursday morning drove over the new line to Windsor.

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Circuit Court Proceedings.

The December term of Morgan Circuit Court is now in session with Judge James E. Hazell presiding. Following are the cases disposed of up to Wednesday morning:

State vs. Perry Crosswhite; report of good behavior and the defendant discharged.

State vs. Arthur Glasgow; murder in first degree. Plea of not guilty. Sixteen additional jurors summoned.

State vs. Jasper Sidebottom; information of manslaughter second degree filed, bond taken for \$1000, case continued and recognizances of witness taken.

State vs. Oliver Decker; assault and battery; plea of not guilty, trial by jury and verdict of guilty; fine of \$5.

State vs. Robert Johnson; seduction; nolle prosequi.

State vs. Luther Sparks and Clay Sparks; felonious assault, plea of not guilty, trial by jury and verdict of not guilty.

State vs. George Davidson; felonious assault.

State vs. Frank Jones and James Monroe; grand larceny; nolle prosequi.

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